

# Reflections

## Ten Years Ago

(Editor's note: This issue introduces a new series which will feature monthly reflections of the past with summaries of news highlights from the files of Lancaster Farming)

### NOVEMBER, 1955

**Lancaster Farming Launched** — Lancaster Farming today made its initial appearance as the newest publication in southeastern Pennsylvania. Not for many decades has there been a publication which served this outstanding agricultural section exclusively.

**Lancaster County Scores At Timonium** — Lancaster County 4-H Angus Showmen made three titles in a row by winning the Group of Five event again this year. The 4-H's stacked up 1 first, 2 second, 1 third, fifth, eighth, and ninth, and 2 tenth-place ribbons in the Eastern National Livestock Exposition junior division.

**Winter Blows In Early** — About three inches of snow arrived during the night of November 18. Ice hung from the trees and porches next morning. Winter arrived here about one month ahead of the calendar.

**Hess To Head Holstein Group** — Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg R1, was named president of the Lancaster County Holstein Assn in the 5th annual meeting and banquet of the association at the Gap Fire Hall. He succeeds Robert Groff, president for four years, who recently moved from the Stevens area to Quarryville R3.

**Hogs Prices Slump To 13-Year Low** — Hog prices slumped to their lowest point since March 1942 on the Chicago market this month, with the USDA reporting a top price of \$13.50 per hundredweight.

### Fair Fund

(Continued from Page 1) the Pennsylvania Fair Fund. After obligations from fairs and youth activity groups are satisfied, the act provides that 50 percent of the excess, or \$250,000 — whichever amount is greater, shall be used in agricultural research.

On the Research Fund Committee are Albert E. Madigan, Towanda, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee; W. Brady Hetrick, Lewistown, chairman of the House Agriculture and Dairy Industry Committee; John W. Scott, Harrisburg, master, Pennsylvania State Grange; Gerald A. Biggs, McConnellsburg, president, Pennsylvania Farmers Association.

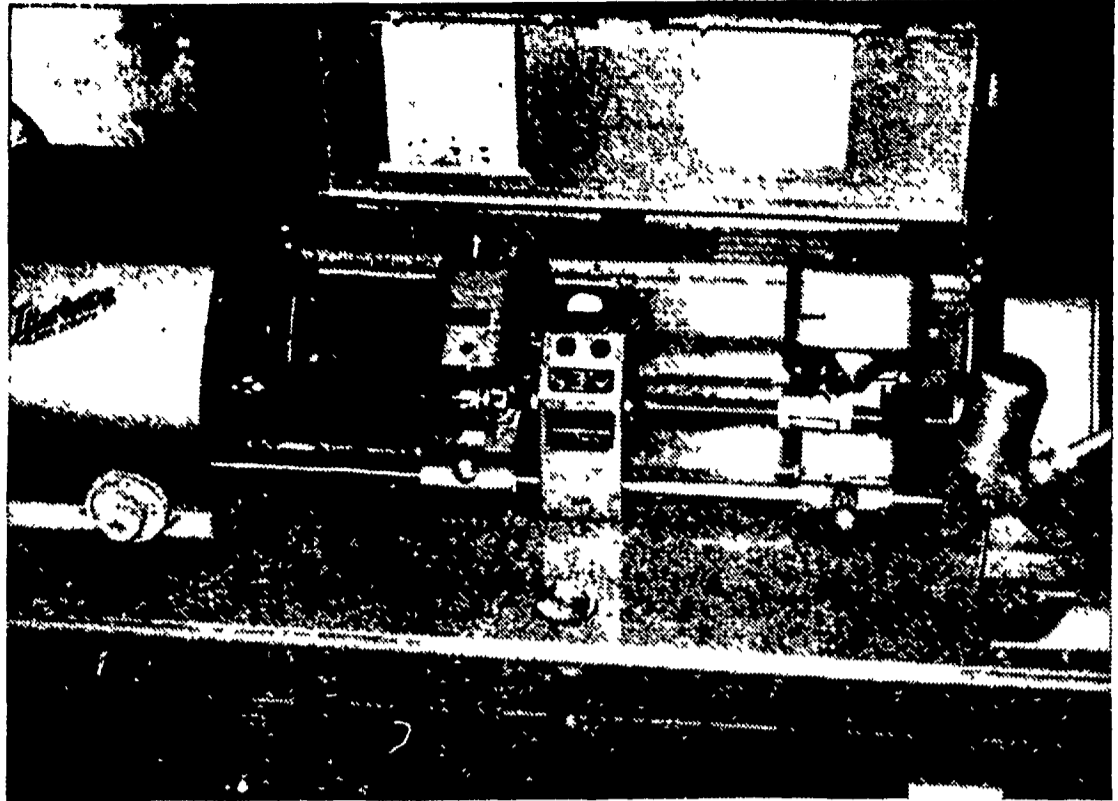
Dr. Russell E. Larson, dean, and Dr. M. A. Farrell, director of research, College of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania State University; Dr. Mark W. Aljam, dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; Max C. Hempt, Camp Hill, contractor; Secretary Bull and Jack R. Grey, deputy secretary.

Proposals will be reviewed by various committee members prior to the December meeting when they will receive detailed consideration. The committee will meet at 11 a.m. in room 103 of the new Pennsylvania Agriculture Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg.

**Farm Women Elect** — Mrs. E. Robert Nolt, Lancaster R1, was elected president of the Lancaster County Farm Women Society Saturday at the annual meeting attended by around 300 women. The meeting was held in Moose Hall, Lancaster. Others elected included Mrs. Elam Buckwalter, Society 10, first vice president; Mrs. Abram Weidman, Society 5, second vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth Eshleman, secretary; Mrs. Paul Erb, treasurer.

**Eisenhower Backs Agr. Secretary** — According to a statement issued in Gettysburg by Presidential Secretary James C. Haggerty, the President supports Secretary Benson and at no time entertained the thought of replacing him.

**Farm Fires Rip County** — Farm fires were rampant in Lancaster County this week. A barn on the L. M. Snively farm at Litz R2, believed to have been built in 1754, was destroyed at an estimated \$40,000 loss. A one-story cattle barn on the farm of Edgar Funk, 3501 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, was also destroyed. An overheated stove caused a chimney fire at the home of Fred J. Kreider, Quarryville, but damage was minor. A woods fire was extinguished on the Howard Zeamer farm at Columbia R1.



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## Treat Mastitis As Herd Problem

To control mastitis, one of the biggest dairy problems, dairymen must recognize that it is a herd problem.

Once this recognition is made — that mastitis is not just a problem of one or a few cows within the herd — then broad measures to combat the infection can be successful.

The measures include a complete inventory of the herd, equipment, its operation, sanitation and management. The

inventory should tell what the level of infection is in the herd, and how to go about removing some of the causes.

Mastitis Testing should be repeated monthly. A test record should be kept of the level of infection and its trend in the herd.

Raising herd replacements or purchasing replacements as heifers before they start producing will help avoid bringing new infection into a herd.

Prompt treatment of infected animals is important, but removing the possible causes of mastitis is more important.

Old infected cows should be culled and sold for slaughter. These infected cows are not profitable producers. They are sources of reinfection. And chronically infected cows cannot be completely cured of mastitis.



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